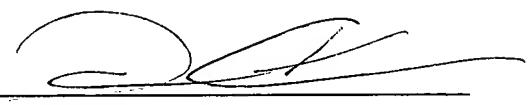


REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide sequence identifiers. Applicant's amendments do not introduce new matter.

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment to provide, as a separate part of the disclosure, a "Sequence Listing" pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. In addition, Applicant submits herewith the Sequence Listing in paper copy and on floppy disk in computer-readable form. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the present application.

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